

# **IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday April 21st 2002**

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## **Nuacht na Gaeilge**

This news bulletin is read in Irish every Sunday at 11.30 hrs local time on 7.068 MHz. Newsreaders Paddy EI7GK and Mickey EI6HY welcome call-ins regardless of the level of Irish, so don't be shy about calling in even if you can only give "cúig is a naoi". Paddy has even got emails from SWL's in England and Germany. Beidh Fáilte rómhat.

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## **JOTA**

This year's Jamboree on the Air will take place on the 19th and 20th of October. In order to maximise participation the 132nd Bayside Scout Unit will be publicising the event at the Scouting Ireland Nation Council on Saturday and Sunday May the 11th and 12th.

In order that Units interested in participating in JOTA can be put in touch with clubs and individuals interested in setting up stations for the event, any club or individual who are willing to assist can contact the Bayside Scout Troop at ei4bst@qsl.net or Sean O'Suilleabhain at ei3ip@qsl.net or phone 087-232 6994 by May 10th in order that contact details may be passed on.

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## **South Eastern Amateur Radio Group**

The next general meeting of South Eastern Amateur Radio Group will take place at 8.00 p.m. on Wednesday the 24th of April in the Roanmore Social and Sports Centre, Cleaboy Road, Waterford. At this meeting, Gary O'Hanlon will demonstrate some of the top line equipment currently available on the market including a Yaesu FT-1000 Mk. 5. This will be followed by a mini bring-and-buy which is open to members and visitors. Members are asked to attend and visitors are welcome.

The club has launched it's new website recently. The site retains it's original content but has a different look and feel along with some new information and is now more compatible with Netscape and other browsers. The club would welcome comments on the site and especially reports of errors, broken links etc. This can be found at the original address: [www.angelfire.com/tx3/searg](http://www.angelfire.com/tx3/searg)

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## **Rare WAI Squares**

Joe Fadden EI3IX is hoping to travel to Inishkea (South island) which is off the Mayo coast either on the 11th or 12th of May, subject to ferry, weather conditions etc.

There are 2 WAI squares on the south island F51 & F52. The maidenhead locator is IO44. Joe intends operating on HF (Mainly 7.068 Mhz) and also on VHF/UHF (2m, 4m, 6m & 70cm) using inverted V's for HF, yagis for 2m & 70cm, Vertical for 4m and possibly a vertical for 6 meters.

If there is any change with the dates due to any unforeseen problems Joe will try and give as much notice as possible.

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## **DX News**

The Ducie Island DXpedition was a major success. The first ever DXpedition to the newest DXCC entity ended on March the 26th. The VP6DI team was on the air for just over nine days and logged over 39,000 contacts. VP6DI HF QSLs go via VE3HO, and 6-meter QSLs go to JA1BK.

ARRL will now accept SSB contacts with P5/4L4FN in the Democratic Peoples Republic of Korea for DXCC credit. The operator Ed Giorgadze of the Republic of Georgia has been active from the capital city of Pyongyang since last November. Valid contacts from the beginning his P5 operation last autumn may be submitted for credit, effective immediately.

The Islands of Ukraine on the Air Award Program Expedition will take place from May the 1st through August 31st. The call sign to be use is E-M-11-E. The expedition will cover the Dniپر River islands, the islands of the Black Sea and the Azov Sea. More info is on the web at [www.qsy.to/ur5eaw](http://www.qsy.to/ur5eaw) The QSL manager is UR5EAW.

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